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### WEATHER.

- Western Oregon and Washington—Showers followed by fair; warmer except near coast.
- Eastern Oregon—Generally fair; cooler.
- Eastern Washington and Idaho—Generally fair.

### CLAIMS OF MODERNITY.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has registered his disapprobation of the use of Latin in the decorative inscriptions on the public buildings at Washington, and declared for the use of the plain mother-tongue of the people, simple, readable English; and we are disposed to agree with him.

The designs employed in most of the great federal structures is of classic tendency and it is supposed that the sculptured texts applicable to such displays, is, necessarily, classic, too. But just why this should follow has always been debatable. The revision to the classic style is almost invariable, as a rule, throughout the country, in public and private building, and while it is wonderfully beautiful in many instances (and supremely hideous in as many), the modern idea has some claims on the art, skill, and sensibilities of the modern that may not always be denied.

The wholesome good sense of the great secretary is appreciable from the standpoint of the man who is tired of the formulas so religiously followed in nine-tenths of the structural work of the country and the day; and the modern style (if there be any modern style), should be given a chance and the language of the land should be the text of all inscriptive work, since we are not all able to decipher the classic, but the last man of us can read the simple, and noble type and tenor of pure English. We second Mr. Wilson's motion!

### A LAW FOR ARBITRAMENT

When we become really wise as a nation and our common sense is allowed to sway us and direct our general courses of life in relation to the law, and the industries, and the just balances of human action and duty one to the other, we will have a strong, federal statute compelling arbitration precedent to all strikes, as we know them now.

The strike, as such, is a failure and has been for years without number; it is used simply because there is no other wholesale and wholesome expedient at hand for general use in great emergencies of industrial wrong, confusion, and rebellion; it would be discarded utterly if only there were other honorable, logical and effective policies and plans at hand. It is justly unpopular because it involves everybody, sympathizers, non-sympathizers and the rank outsider, and evokes the bitter disfavor of people who lose and suffer from no contributory cause of theirs, and whose sympathy revolts at the strain put upon patience.

The idea that the man who has to put up with the delays, sacrifices and inconveniences incident to a prolonged strike, is going to swarm to the striker or ally himself with the strike, is a piece of immeasurable folly, so proven in every case on record. The justice of the strikers' claim which he recognized, willingly at the outset, simmers away to annoyance, and ultimately to disgust by the time he has borne the brunt of discomfort and serious impediment, in the course of the strike, and often that not resolves itself into rank opposition to the revolting tradesmen and all his claims, in the end. No student of strikes will commend the policy as being in-

fallible or even reasonably successful.

What we need today, in place of the hurtful and hateful strike, is a legal and authoritative court of arbitration, far removed from all conflicting or contaminating influences, susceptible of the respect and confidence of all men; to which shall be duly submitted the issues arising together with all the testimony and pleas and arguments, and whose verdict shall be as confirmatory and as binding as any other judgment in law or equity.

The composition of such a tribunal may be left to the elective franchise or may be reposed in the cabinet, or the president or some commission in which capital and labor are uniformly and safely represented. The main thing being that it shall be inviolable as to cause, procedure and verdict; otherwise it, too, will be a failure.

The need of excluding the general public from the losses and discomforts and actual sacrifices that emanate from the ordinary strike is among the crying demands of the day; and the sooner the industrial brains and capitalistic brains of the nation devise some alternative such as this, the better for all concerned and unconcerned.

### THOSE UNFORTUNATE SHALLOWS.

The grounding of the French ship Vincennes in the Columbia while she was en route to Portland, on Thursday last, is peculiarly unfortunate, coming so quickly on the grave trouble that befell the steamers Alliance and the City of Panama in the same neighborhood a few days ago (now both on the drydocks for extensive and costly repairs), as it is liable to raise adverse comment as to the conditions under which the accident occurred.

That 500 or 8000 tons of her cargo will have to be lightered and taken to the metropolis is now certain and the work will be commenced as promptly as may be, but the certain delay and expense to the ship will be long, and great, and cause immense inconvenience to her owners, as well as reacting upon the river channels, and the harbor to which she was bound, most adversely.

It is but another demonstration of the expediency of utilizing the safe and delayless advantages of this, the only real harbor north of San Francisco, and the logical seaport of Oregon; it is one of but very few more such experiences as will compel the recognition, and use, of the harbor of Astoria for the secure and despatchful handling, not only of the grain fleets, but of the general cargo ships and steamers, doing business into, and out of, Oregon.

It is simply a matter of extending the common point rate to Astoria, declaring this the one, official seaport of the Columbia basin, and working for its precedence, with Portland in the van of endeavor, and control, to cinch the whole situation!

### EDITORIAL SALAD.

The Indianapolis News says, "There is a growing impression that the Rev. Dr. Aked, of the Rockefeller Baptist Church, New York, is going to develop into the William Jennings Bryan, of the pulpit." Let's hope it isn't as bad as that.

To fully appreciate Mr. Taft's victory, it must be remembered that Senator Tillman never challenged him to a joint debate on the Fifteenth Amendment before an Ohio Chautauqua.

Oklahoma Republicans seem inclined to go in and play the game even if the other fellows did get up the code of rules.

Bill Ward says: "If things go on as they have been going the Government will soon be selling railroad tickets as they do postage stamps."

Special crime-wave cops might be no more of a joke than all special cops—but on a more serious subject.

### MEXICO AIDS MINE OWNERS.

Federal Revenue Law Changed, Giving More Time for Exporting Ore.

MONTEREY, Texas, August 17.—Some changes of interest to mine owners have been made in the federal revenue laws of Mexico, according to a circular recently issued by the secretary of finance and public credit.

In Article 22, relating to the revenue tax on papers covering assays and exports of precious metals, the ruling requiring that the certificate of payment for the substance assayed and tested in the assayer's office, should show the date, not more than 30 days distance, when exportation should take place, has been changed, allowing 60 days.

In Article 31 of the same regulations, the rule requiring that the invoices sent to the custom house for the exportation of metal not assayed, should have the time of exportation set at some date within 60 days, has been changed, allowing 90 days.

## THAW IS HAPPY

New Line of Evidence for His Defense.

### HIS ATTORNEY IS CONFIDENT

Refuses To Be Interviewed As To Course He Will Use In Defending Thaw—Mrs. Thaw Also Is In A Happy Frame Of Mind.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Plans were outlined yesterday at the Tombs for a new defense to be used in the coming trial of Harry Thaw the slayer of Stanford White, when Martin W. Littleton, recently selected counsel for the young millionaire, visited the Tombs and had an hour's talk with the prisoner.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was a party to the conference although she did not arrive until some time after the Brooklyn lawyer. When it was over Thaw was in a more cheerful frame of mind than he has been in for many months. Mrs. Thaw seemed also in a happy mood. Both had evidently listened to words of comfort from Mr. Littleton.

It is understood that the entire case was gone over and plans for a new defense sketched in the rough. Just what line will be followed in the final struggle to save the life of the millionaire prisoner was not divulged. It is the rumor however that the new attorneys have some bits of amazing testimony in rebuttal of the state's evidence that have not as yet been even hinted at.

Mr. Littleton refused to be interviewed as he emerged from the Tombs. The happy mood in which he left Thaw and his wife it appeared that they feel confidence in his ability to dissipate the shadow of the electric chair which has hung over Thaw since the night of the roof garden tragedy.

### CONEY ISLAND CLOSED.

Justice Dickey Backs up Police in Court Decision.

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Aug. 17.—A decision having a most important bearing on games of chance as played at Coney Island this season was handed down yesterday afternoon by Supreme Court Justice Dickey.

Many games that have been run at the island this summer have been stopped by the police on the ground that they are gambling games and the court has been burdened with application for writs of injunction restraining the police from so interfering with these games, it being argued by the proprietors that the games do not constitute gambling as defined under the amended constitution of the State.

It is claimed that much injury has been done to these proprietors through loss of trade and through keeping the considerable capital invested in a non-earning condition by these police raids and the temporary stopping of the games during the rush period of the season.

Justice Dickey has given a lengthy definition of the term gambling and has rendered a lucid decision on the hearing on games of chance as offered to the public at Coney Island. The decision is a complete victory for the police and will act as a heavy blow for all games at Coney Island, not only for this season, but every season to come, unless the decision is reversed by a higher court or the constitution is changed.

Justice Dickey said the mania for gambling has become a public menace and it is time for the courts to come to the assistance of the police in checking it.

The decision relates to the suit brought by Alfred Langfeldt against Police Commissioner Bingham et al, to enjoin the police from interfering with a tin disc game, conducted by the plaintiff at Coney Island, which the police stopped as a gambling scheme. Assistant Corporation Counsel Lazansky conducted the case on the part of the police.

Justice Dickey says: "The people by adoption of the amended Constitution meant to forbid all gambling in the State. The Penal Code has provisions carrying this prohibition into effect. Gambling is defined in the Century Dictionary: 'To play at any game or hazard for a stake; to risk money or any thing of value on the issue of a game of chance, by either playing or betting on the play of others.' The Standard Dictionary says: 'To play a game, especially a game of chance, for stakes; to risk money or other possessions on any event, chance or contingency.' Webster says: 'To play for a stake or prize, to use dice, cards, billiards or other instruments according to certain rules,

with a view to win money or other things wagered upon the issue of the contest; to practice playing for money or other stakes; to gamble.' Worcester says: 'To play at any sport especially to play for money or any other stakes.' Brewster's definition is: 'A contract between two or more persons by which they agree to play by certain rules at cards, dice or other contrivances, that one shall be the loser and the other the winner.'

"I consider the game carried on by the plaintiff is a game of chance, forbidden by the Penal Code. The gambling mania has taken such strong hold on the people of this city the courts should do nothing to discourage the police in their efforts to suppress any form of gambling; so must refuse to tie their hands by such injunction as is asked in this case. Motion for injunction denied with \$10 costs."

### NEED MORE SOLDIERS.

TANGIER, August 17.—Twenty thousand additional soldiers will be needed in Morocco to end the Holy War now raging throughout the country. This is the estimate made on reports received here today. Unless heavy reinforcements are speedily forwarded from France and Spain the Moors may get beyond all control.

General Drude commanding the forces at Casa Blanca, admits his inability to quell the rebellious natives with his present force. In the last few days the Moors have been joined by thousands of tribesmen from the interior, giving them a force which can almost pin the foreign soldiers into Casa Blanca.

There is little danger of the city falling, but soldiers cannot be spared to go to other threatened towns.

Tangier is still threatened by natives who are camped in the hills nearby, and Rabat, Magazan, Bogador and Safi are also in danger.

Today the general situation is even more critical than it was last week.

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### WAGES WAR ON TRAMPS.

Pennsylvania Railroad Asks Assistance of Magistrate.

PITTSBURGH, August 17.—The Pennsylvania Railroad is sending out circulars to all magistrates in territory touched by the road asking that when a tramp be caught train-riding he be dealt with harshly. The fight yesterday with a nitro-glycerine bottle as a weapon waged against two train crews and the fearful explosion resulting at Ridgeway, Pa., has caused the railroad people to take this move. That the tramp at Ridgeway who exploded nitro-glycerine and put five men besides himself in the hospital, was a burglar, has been fully established.

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